IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

WEDNESDAY, THE 29TH NOVEMBER 2006 / 8TH AGRAHAYANA 1928

WP(C).No. 27502 of 2006(Y)

PETITIONER:

SMT.BABY RAPPAI, AGED 58, W/O.RAPPAI,
PORATHUR HOUSE, JUBILEE NAGAR,
NADATHARA, THRISSUR.

BY ADV. SRI.G.SREEKUMAR (CHELUR)

RESPONDENTS:

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1. SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. THE DIRECTOR OF TREASURY,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

4. THE DISTRICT TREASURY OFFICER,
COLLECTORATE, AYYANTHOLE, THRISSUR.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.I.V. PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 29/11/2006, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,J.

W.P.C.NO. 27502 OF 2006

Dated this the 29th day of November, 2006

JUDGMENT

The prayer is for direction to the District Level Committee headed by the District Collector to consider petitioner's application for appointment as stamp vendor in Trichur Town. Petitioner as well as Government Pleader submitted that around 22 vacancies are there in Trichur and connected areas. However, it is reported that legal heirs of deceased stamp vendors have also applied for the post. Government has not issued any guidelines for appointment of legal heirs and so much so appointments are held up. Even if some-one claims as legal heir, the same does not mean that he cannot be considered independently on merits. In the circumstances, W.P. is disposed of directing the District Collector to fill up 15 vacancies based on relative merit of candidates and balance to be considered for legal heirs of the deceased stamp vendors. Government without any delay will issue guidelines for filling up the vacancies of deceased stamp vendors

through legal heirs. All appointments should be made within a period of two months from the date of production of a copy of this judgment by the petitioner.

(C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR)
Judge